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PREVIOUSLY IN *THE SCORCHED*

Haunt has left the team and The Scorched have relocated to New York.



MAYBE WE SHOULD HEAD BACK. IT'S GETTING PRETTY LATE TO BE IN CENTRAL PARK, DON'T YOU THINK?

WE'RE OKAY. I WALK AROUND HERE AT THIS TIME THREE, FOUR TIMES A WEEK. BUT, IF YOU WANT WE CAN HEAD BACK AND GRAB A TAXI.



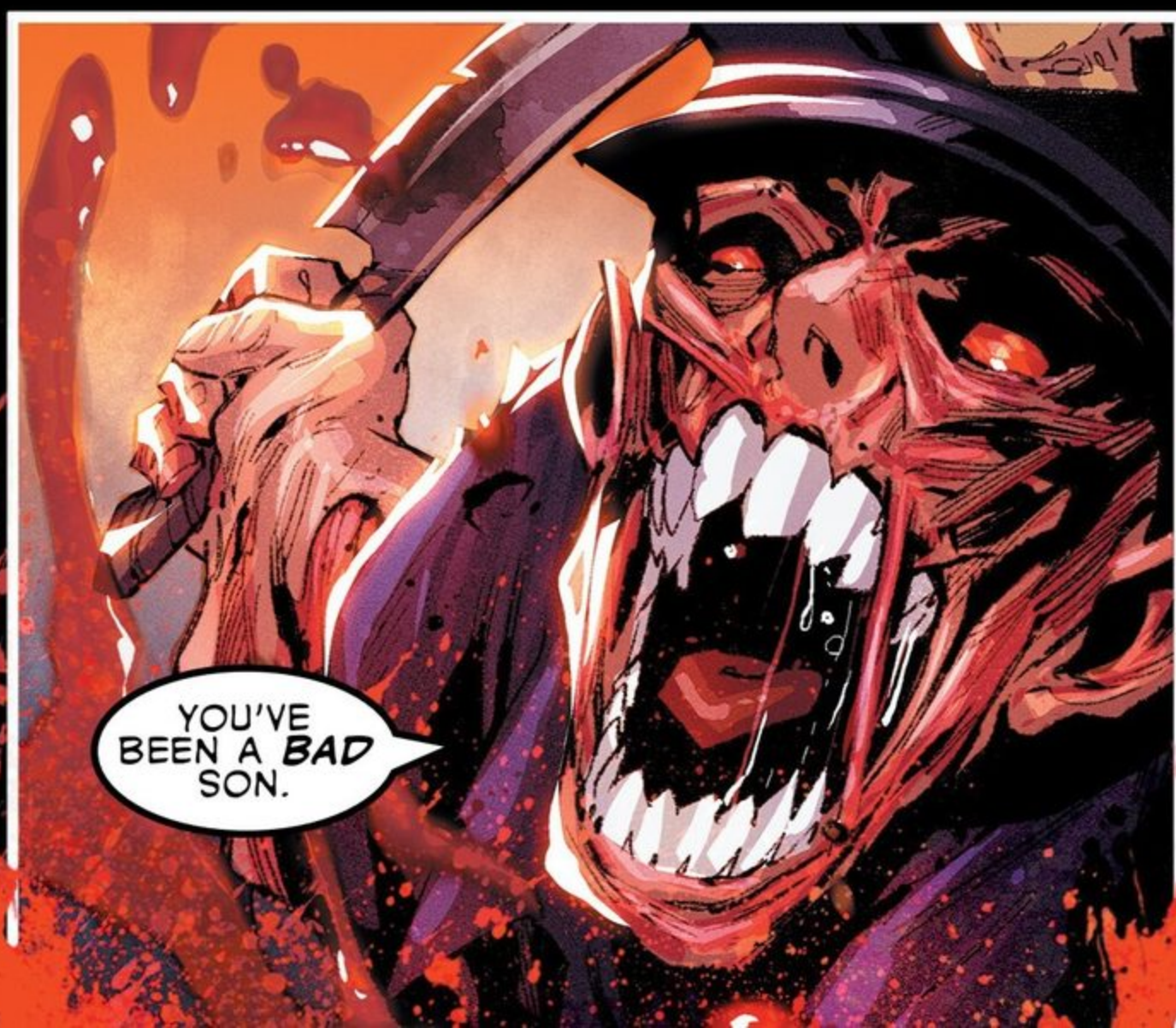
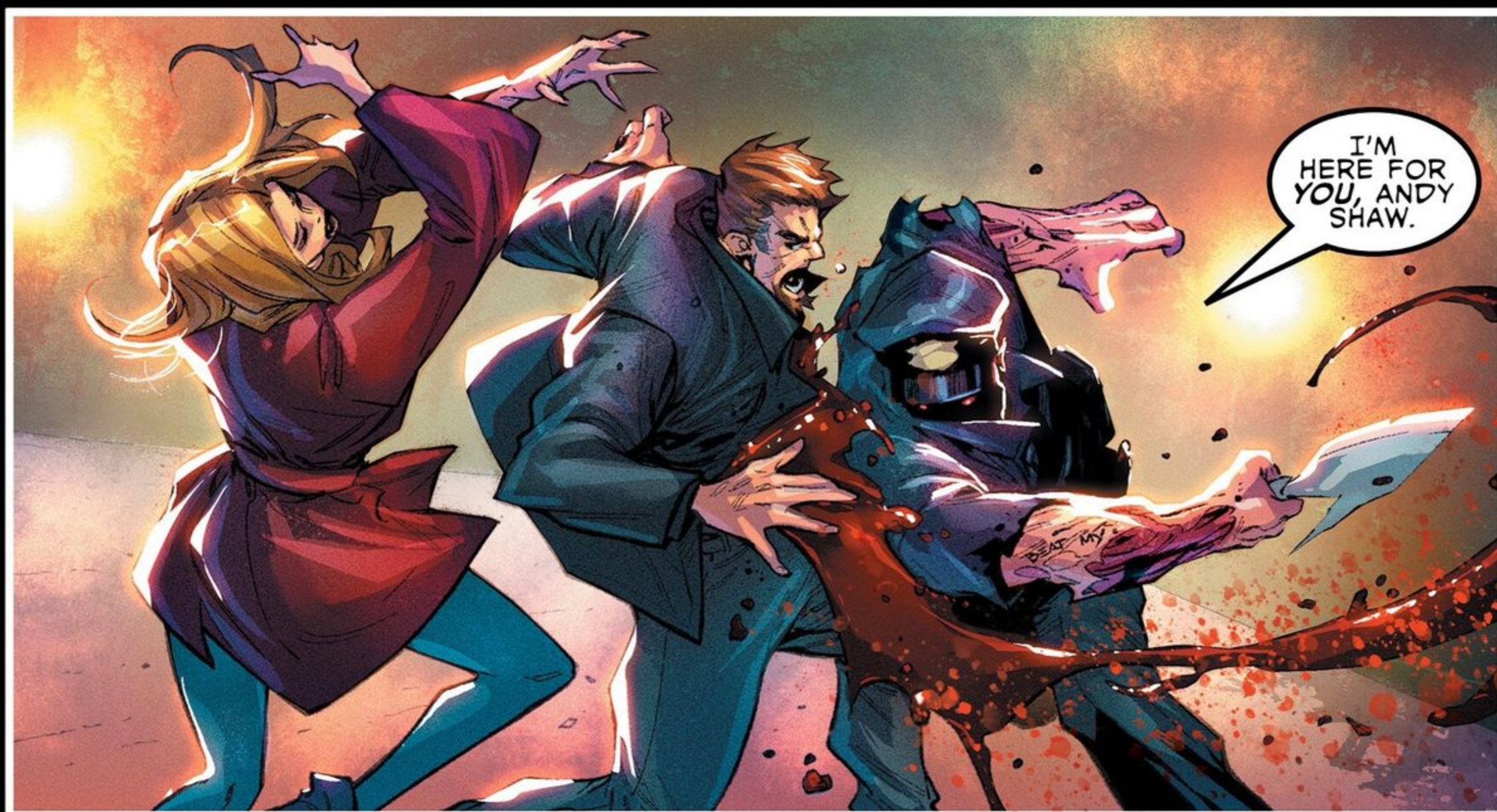
ANDY... ARE WE BEING FOLLOWED?

I...OH, IT'S JUST A COP. THEY'RE ALWAYS PATROLLING THE PARK.

UNFORTUNATELY FOR
THE YOUNG LOVERS,
THIS OFFICER WASN'T
PATROLLING--HE WAS
HUNTING!

YOU
HAVING A
GOOD
EVENING,
ANDY?

MAKING SURE HIS PREY
WAS FAR ENOUGH AWAY
FROM ANY PRYING EYES,
AS IT DIDN'T WANT TO
DRAW THE ATTENTION OF
ANY **REAL** POLICE.





CINDY!
DON'T RUN,
NOT YET!

I NEED
YOU TO PASS
A **MESSAGE**
ON.



TELL ANDY'S
BROTHER...



I'M
COMING
FOR HIM
NEXT.



NOW
YOU CAN
RUN.

END PROLOGUE.

THE SCORCHED
HEADQUARTERS.

THEIR NEW HIDDEN
RESIDENCE.

A
WAREHOUSE?
AM I SUPPOSED TO
BE IMPRESSED
OR WHAT?

IT'S AN
OLD SAFEHOUSE
AL WASN'T USING.
OUR PLACE IN SIBERIA
WASN'T STRATEGICALLY
USEFUL ANYMORE.
YOU SAID IT
YOURSELF.

IT'S
YOUR INTEL
THAT SAID MOST
OF OUR ENEMY'S
HIVES ARE *HIDING*
HERE IN NORTH
AMERICA. SO
YOU'RE PARTIALLY
TO BLAME
FOR THIS.

AND
THE REALITY
IS, MARC, WE
SHOULD HAVE
UPGRADED A
LONG TIME
AGO.

WE CAN
GIVE IT THE
SAME LAYOUT
AS OUR OLD
PLACE, IF
YOU LIKE.

LOOK, I'M
NOT COMPLAINING.
I JUST...

QUIET.

YOU
HEAR
THAT?



HEAR WHAT?

A NOISE THAT SHOULDN'T BE HERE!



JESSICA?

IT'S OVER HERE... I THINK.



THERE!
TELL ME YOU SEE THAT TOO.



help... me



IT'S
KILGORE.



CHANGE
FORMS,
MARC.

IN CASE
THIS IS
AN ATTACK
OF SOME
SORT.



IT IS AN
ATTACK. ON
MY BROTHER
THOUGH, NOT
YOU.

BUT WE
WON'T LAST
LONG...WITH
OUT YOUR
HELP.



I **WARNED**
YOU THAT LEAVING
THE SCORCHED WAS
A DUMB MOVE...

NO!
YOU WARNED MY
BROTHER. I NEVER
WANTED TO LEAVE. I
TOLD DANIEL, TOO, BUT
HE WOULDN'T
LISTEN.



NOW
THAT CHOICE IS
KILLING US!





JUST...
**GO
AWAY!**



IS THERE
A **PROBLEM**...
FATHER?

NO...I WAS...
SORRY, JUST
A BAD DAY. I
APOLOGIZE.

NO NEED
FOR THAT.



BUT, IF
I MAY, YOU
LOOK TROUBLED,
SON. **HAUNTED**.
WE ALL HAVE
TRAVELLED THAT
PATH.

WHERE DID
YOU COME
FROM? WHERE'S
YOUR PARISH?

THE
CHURCH AND I
HAVE BEEN A BIT...
ESTRANGED...
RECENTLY.

AND
YOUR LAST
CONFESSION?

IT'S BEEN
QUITE **SOME**
TIME.



COME. LET
US UNBURDEN
YOUR SOUL.



I *USED*
TO BE A MAN OF
FAITH, WANTING TO
SERVE GOD, TO
DO GOOD.



THEN SOMETHING
HAPPENED...SOMETHING
IMPOSSIBLE.



PEOPLE
I GOT INVOLVED
WITH...THEY DIDN'T
SERVE OUR LORD, YET I
BELIEVED WE WERE
DOING *GOOD*.



BUT THE
MORE TIME I SPENT
WITH THEM, THE MORE I
QUESTIONED IF THAT
WAS TRUE.



SO, I ASKED GOD
FOR A MIRACLE, AND
HE DELIVERED.*



STILL, IT HAS
ME ASKING MORE
QUESTIONS ABOUT
MYSELF.

*SEE SCORCHED #37-- THOMAS



GUESS IT'S
WHY I CAME HERE,
FATHER, TO FIND
SOME CLARITY.



FATHER?



A SICKENING
SOUND OF
LIQUID
EXPLODING,
ECHOES IN
THE SMALL
CHAMBER.



THE
FATHER IS
GONE.



BWOOOM

AT LAST,
WE MEET, DEAR
HAUNT.

I...AM
RUE.

THERE IS
MUCH WE SHARE,
SO YOU SHOULD
UNDERSTAND...

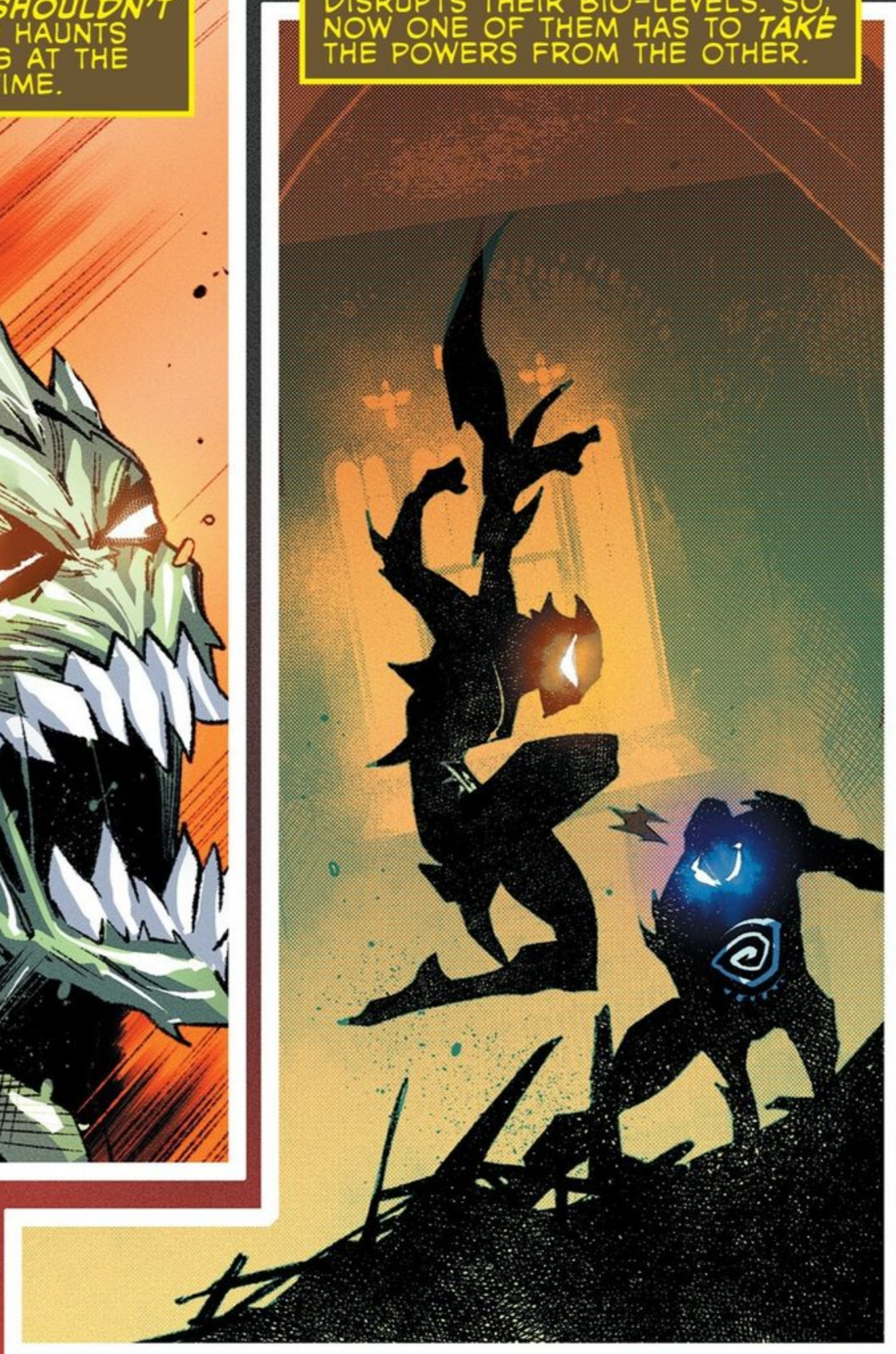
OUR
COMPARABLE
CIRCUMSTANCE
GAVE US THE **SAME**
POWERS COMING
FROM THE **SAME**
SOURCE.



INSTINCTUALLY, HAUNT UNDERSTANDS WHAT THAT MEANS, WHAT THE **RAMIFICATIONS** OF THAT CLAIM COULD LEAD TO.

THERE **SHOULDN'T** BE TWO HAUNTS EXISTING AT THE **SAME** TIME.

IT WEAKENS THEM BOTH. DISRUPTS THEIR BIO-LEVELS. SO NOW ONE OF THEM HAS TO **TAKE** THE POWERS FROM THE OTHER.



ANYWAY THEY **CAN!**





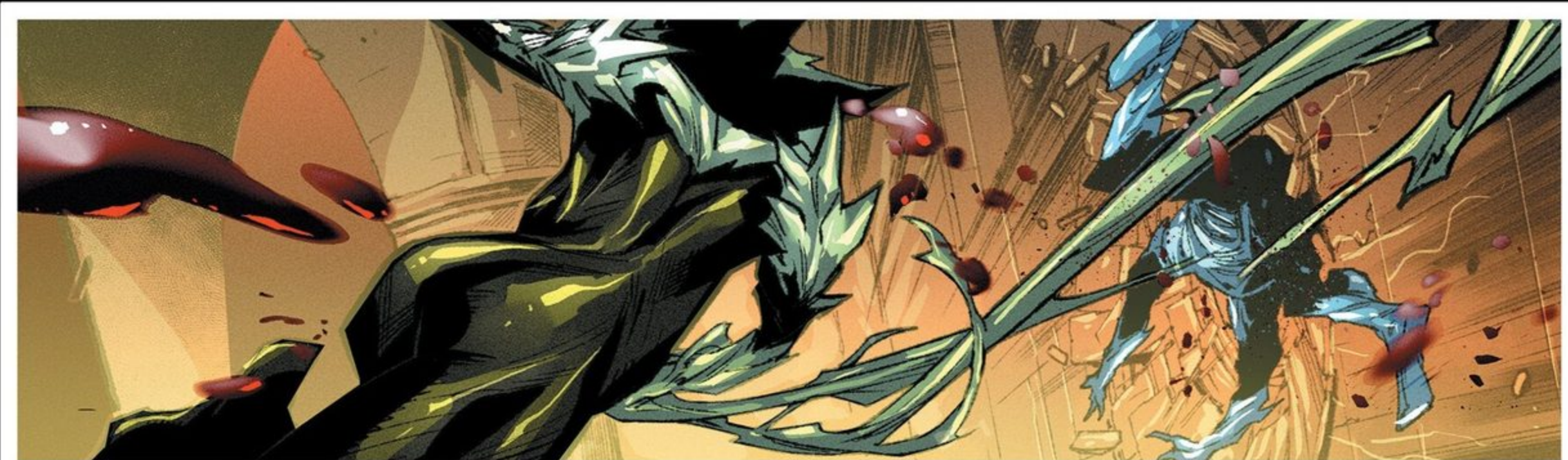




KURT NEEDS TO FIND HELP, AS HE LEAVES, HE HOPES HIS BROTHER WILL ***STILL*** BE BREATHING WHEN HE RETURNS.



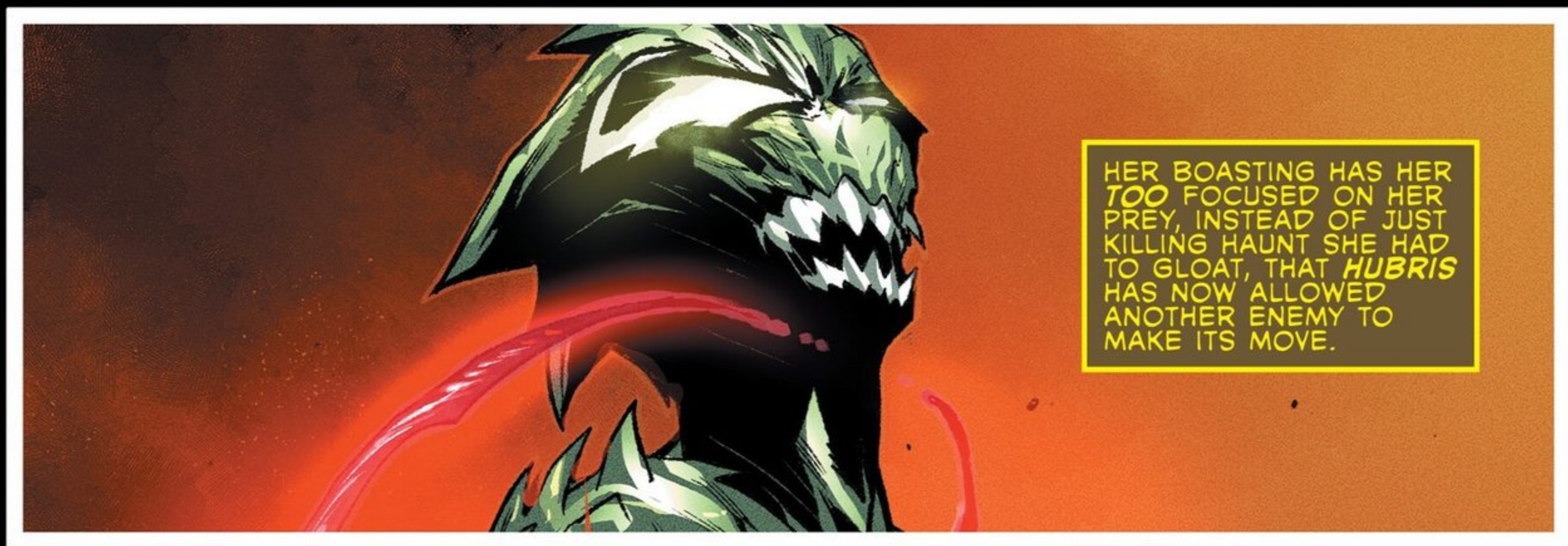
IF DANIEL DIES, THEN SO TOO WILL KURT'S SOUL.



I HOPE YOU ROT IN HELL.



SHUK



HER BOASTING HAS HER TOO FOCUSED ON HER PREY, INSTEAD OF JUST KILLING HAUNT SHE HAD TO GLOAT, THAT **HUBRIS** HAS NOW ALLOWED ANOTHER ENEMY TO MAKE ITS MOVE.



FOR THERE ARE FORCES OUT THERE WHO INTEND TO KEEP THE BALANCE OF POWER AS THEY SEE FIT, NOT LEAVE IT TO THE WHIMS OF SOME BASTARD OFFSPRING.



HELL AND IT'S DENIZENS WILL MAINTAIN THEIR SUPERIORITY IN ORDER. AND NOTHING FROM THE DEPTHS OF LIMBO, LIKE THIS HAUNT CREATURE, WILL BE GIVEN **ALLOWED** TO DISRUPT THAT.



DAMN IT! SHE'S GONE!

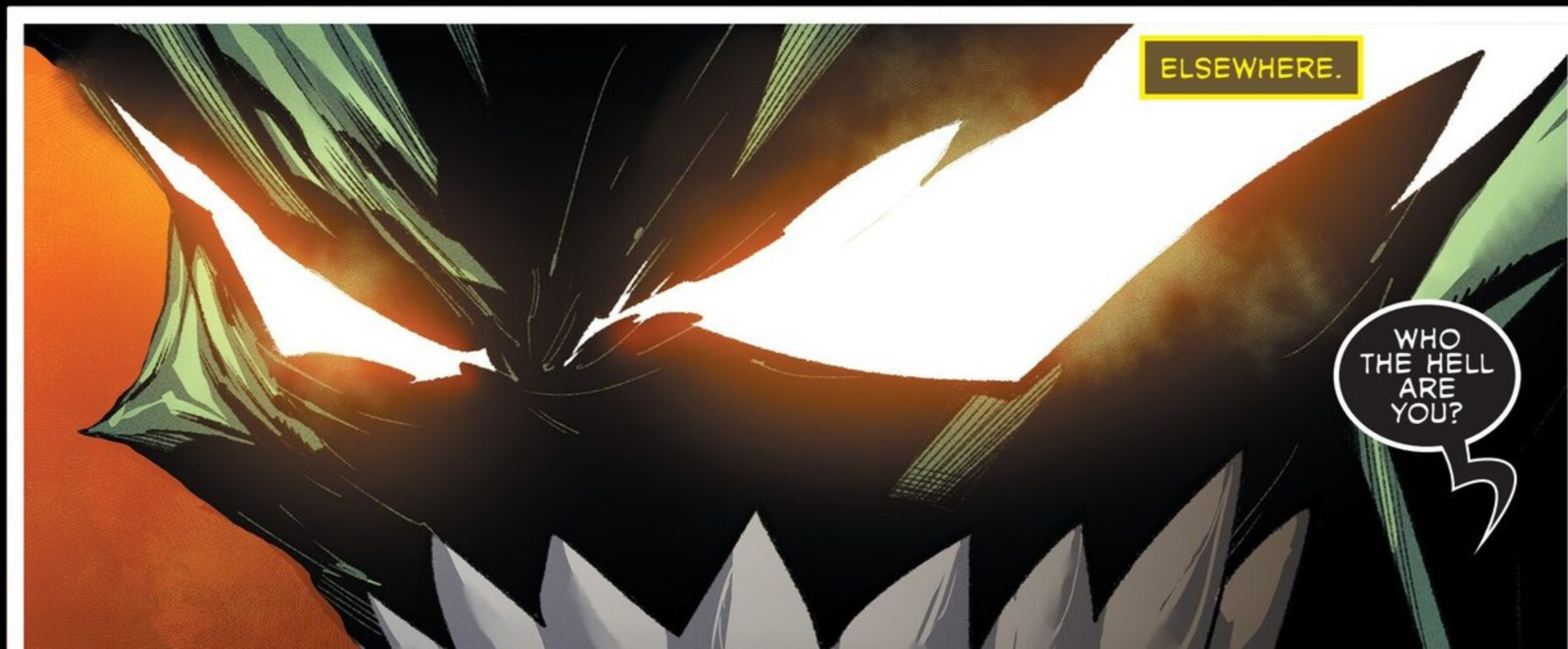
CHECK ON DANIEL, HURRY!



HE'S GOING TO NEED HELP, MEDIEVAL, SEE IF MARC HAS ANY SUGGESTIONS.

THE OTHER HAUNT, WHAT WAS THAT THAT TOOK HER?

LOOKED LIKE HELL'S DOING, MAYBE IT'S QUEEN NYX?



ELSEWHERE.

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?



YOUR SAVIORS.
YOU WOULDN'T HAVE
SURVIVED AN ATTACK BY THE
ENTIRE SCORCHED TEAM.
YOU'RE NOT THAT
STRONG...YET.

BUT YOU
COULD BE. AND WE'RE
THE ONES THAT CAN TEACH
YOU WHAT YOU NEED TO BE ABLE TO
DESTROY ANY ENEMY THAT GETS IN
YOUR WAY AND MAKE THEM
YOUR SLAVES.

BUT RIGHT NOW,
YOU CAN'T DEFEAT THEM AND
NEITHER CAN WE. SO, LET'S JOIN
FORCES SO WE CAN GET TO THAT
POINT AND THE ONLY WAY
TO DO THAT...

...IS FOR **ALL**
OF US TO BECOME
PARTNERS!



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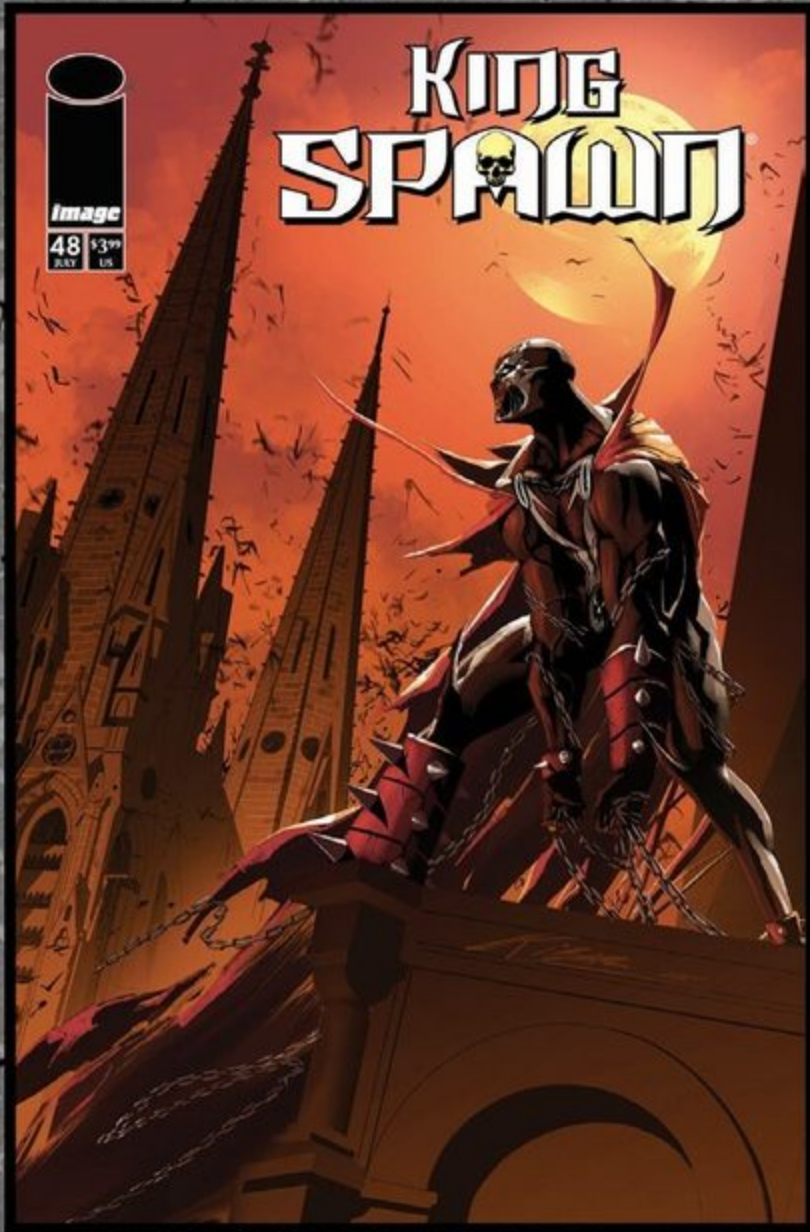
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HAPPY!
CRIMINAL **DIE**
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